training to officers, fencing of Indo-Pak border, vesting of powers in BSF and Coast Guards under the Customs Act, quarterly coordination meetings held at NCB, New Delhi, holding of quarterly border meetings of Indian and Pakistani anti-narcotics agencies as a part of the border meetings of BSF and Pak-rangers, holding of operational level meetings with Myanmar officials. All the arrested persons are liable to be prosecuted and punished under the stringent law of NDPS Act, 1985.

Treasury in newly opened sub-divisions in Tripura

2663. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sub-divisions where Treasury is functioning in Tripura;

(b) whether Government have received any communication from the State Government for opening of Treasury in newly opened sub-divisions; and

(c) Whether Government have any timeframe within which treasury function is likely to be started in the newly opened sub-divisions of Tripura ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) There are 4 Districts and 15 sub-divisions against which there are 5 Treasuries and 8 sub-treasuries in Tripura. All the sub-divisions, except the three newly created sub-divisions of Bishalgarh, Gandacherra and Long Terai Valley, are either covered by treasury or sub-treasury. Bishalgarh sub-division remains under Agartala Treasury-I and the other two sub-divisions of Gandacherra and Long Terai Valley remain under the Dhalai Treasury.

(b) No proposal for opening of sub-treasuries at the three newly created sub-divisions at Bishalgarh, Gandacherra and Long Terai Valley has been sent to Accountant General, Tripura or the Central Government.

(c) State Government have stated that no time frame has been spelt out for opening of such sub-treasuries in the newly created sub-divisions.

Computerisation of Bank Branches in NE States

2664. SHRI KHAGEN DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number bank branches in the NE States which are fully and of those partly computerised, separately;

(b) whether Government have any plan to computerise more branches during 2000; and

(c) if so, the names of the banks and the branches ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that 45 branches of the public sector banks operating in the North-Eastern States are fully computerised and 50 branches are partly computerised.

(b) and (c) RBI have further reported that 129 more branches of the public sector banks in this region have been identified for computerisation within 2000. The bank-wise break-up of these branches is given below :—

S. No.	Name of the bank	No. of branches
1.	State Bank of India	10
2.	State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	1
3.	Allahabad Bank	6
4.	Bank of Baroda	2
5.	Canara Bank	5
6.	Central Bank of India	3
7.	Indian Bank	3
8.	Indian Overseas Bank	3
9.	Punjab National Bank	4
10.	Syndicate Bank	4
11.	UCO Bank	10
12.	United Bank of India	77
13.	Vijaya Bank	1
	Total :	129

Customs Duty on Import of Textile Machinery

2665. SHRI JIBON ROY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an expert Committee constituted by the Textile Ministry under the Chairmanship of former Textile Secretary Shri S. Sathyam has recommended the reduction of customs on the import of textile machinery besides some other recommendations;